

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 - 41. (Cancelled)

42. (Currently amended) A method for ~~protecting~~ preventing damage by a pest to a seed and/or shoots and foliage of a plant grown from the seed from damage by a pest, the method comprising treating the unsown seed with a composition comprising a nitroguanidine and at least one other insecticide selected from the group consisting of a chloronicotinyl, a pyrrol, a pyrazole ~~pyrazone~~, a diacylhydrazine, a triazole, a biological/fermentation product, a phenyl pyrazole, an organophosphate and a carbamate.

43. (Original) A seed that has been treated by the method as set forth in claim 42.

44. (Original) The seed as set forth in claim 43, wherein the seed is selected from the group consisting of corn, soybean, cotton, rice, sorghum, sugar beet, wheat, barley, rye, sunflower, tomato, sugarcane, tobacco, rape and oats.

45. (Original) The seed as set forth in claim 44, wherein the seed is corn seed.

46. (Original) The seed as set forth in claim 43, wherein the seed is a transgenic seed.

47. (Original) A composition for seed treatment prior to sowing comprising a nitroguanidine and at least one other insecticide selected from the group consisting of a chloronicotinyl, a pyrrol, a pyrazole ~~pyrazone~~, a diacylhydrazine, a triazole, a biological/fermentation product, a phenyl pyrazole, an organophosphate and a carbamate.

Claims 48 - 55 (Cancelled)

Claim 56. (Previously presented, now cancelled)

57. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the nitroguanidine is dinotefuran.

58. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide is a chloronicotinyl.

59. (New) The method as set forth in claim 58, wherein the chloronicotinyl comprises at least one compound that is selected from the group consisting of imidacloprid, acetamiprid, nitenpyram, and mixtures thereof.

60. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide is a pyrrol.
61. (New) The method as set forth in claim 60, wherein the pyrrol comprises chlorfenapyr.
62. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide comprises a pyrazole.
63. (New) The method as set forth in claim 62, wherein the pyrazole comprises tebufenpyrad.
64. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide comprises a diacylhydrazine.
65. (New) The method as set forth in claim 64, wherein the diacylhydrazine comprises at least one compound that is selected from the group consisting of tebufenozide, methoxyfenozide and halofenozide.
66. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide comprises a triazole.
67. (New) The method as set forth in claim 66, wherein the triazole comprises triazamate.
68. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide comprises a biological/fermentation product that comprises avermectin or spinosad.
69. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide comprises a phenyl pyrazone.
70. (New) The method as set forth in claim 69, wherein the phenyl pyrazone comprises fiprinol.
71. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide comprises an organophosphate.
72. (New) The method as set forth in claim 71, wherein the organophosphate is selected from the group consisting of acephate, fenamiphos, diazinon, chlorpyrifos, chlorpyrifon-methyl and malathion.
73. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42, wherein the other insecticide comprises a carbamate.
74. (New) The method as set forth in claim 73, wherein the carbamate is selected from carbaryl, aldicarb, carbofuran, thiodicarb and oxamyl.

75. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the nitroguanidine is dinotefuran.

76. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide is a chloronicotinyl.

77. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 76, wherein the chloronicotinyl comprises at least one compound that is selected from the group consisting of imidacloprid, acetamiprid, nitenpyram, and mixtures thereof.

78. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide is a pyrrol.

79. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 78, wherein the pyrrol comprises chlorfenapyr.

80. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide comprises a pyrazole.

81. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 80, wherein the pyrazole comprises tebufenpyrad.

82. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide comprises a diacylhydrazine.

83. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 82, wherein the diacylhydrazine comprises at least one compound that is selected from the group consisting of tebufenozide, methoxyfenozide and halofenozide.

84. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide comprises a triazole.

85. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 84, wherein the triazole comprises triazamate.

86. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide comprises a biological/fermentation product that comprises avermectin or spinosad.

87. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide comprises a phenyl pyrazole.

88. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 87, wherein the phenyl pyrazole comprises fiprinol.

89. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide comprises an organophosphate.

90. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 89, wherein the organophosphate is selected from the group consisting of acephate, fenamiphos, diazinon, chlorpyrifos, chlorpyrifon-methyl and malathion.

91. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 47, wherein the other insecticide comprises a carbamate.

92. (New) The composition as set forth in claim 91, wherein the carbamate is selected from carbaryl, aldicarb, carbofuran, thiodicarb and oxamyl.